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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: Not yet assigned

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For: ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTING  
FUEL CELL COMPONENT WITH  
DIRECTLY BONDED LAYERS AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a 56-page patent specification (including title page, 4 pages of claims, and a 1-page abstract) and 26 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-26) for the above-entitled invention of A. John Appleby and Sergei Gamburzev. This application claims the benefit of provisional application Serial Nos. 60/181,893, and 60/181,894, filed February 11, 2000.

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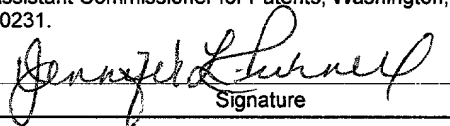
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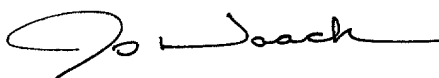
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